AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated in the following listing of all claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for communicating short messages comprising:
forwarding an electronic message to a first communications device, the forwarding in
response to at least an indication of unsuccessful delivery of a short message
service (SMS) message to a destination communications device,
wherein the first communications device is incompatible with SMS.

2. (Currently amended) The method, as recited in claim [[1]] 4, wherein the first
communications device is incompatible with short message service (SMS).

3. (Original) The method, as recited in claim 1, wherein the forwarding is enabled from
the destination communications device.

4. (Original) The method, as recited in claim 1, wherein the forwarding is enabled from
the first communications device.

5. (Currently amended) The method, as recited in claim 1, A method for communicating
short messages comprising:

forwarding an electronic message to a first communications device, the forwarding in
response to at least an indication of unsuccessful delivery of a short message service (SMS)
message to a destination communications device,wherein the forwarding is enabled from a web
browser.

6. (Currently amended) The method, as recited in claim 1, wherein the electronic
message is based at least in part on the short SMS message.

7. (Original) The method, as recited in claim 6, further comprising:
formatting the electronic message as a message having a format compatible with the first
communications device.

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8. (Original) The method, as recited in claim 7, wherein the first communications device is the destination communications device.

9. (Currently amended) The method, as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
removing the ~~short~~ <u>SMS</u> message from a short message queue.

10. (Original) The method, as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
associating the first communications device with the destination communications device.

11. (Currently amended) The method, as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
receiving the ~~short~~ <u>SMS</u> message; and
attempting to send the ~~short~~ <u>SMS</u> message to the destination communications device.

12. (Currently amended) A system for communicating short messages comprising:
a short message <u>service (SMS)</u> management facility that communicates an electronic
message to a first communications device in response to an indicator of an
unsuccessful delivery of the short message to a destination communications
device<u>,</u>
<u>wherein the first communications device is incompatible with SMS.</u>

13. (Currently amended) The system, as recited in claim 12, further comprising:
a destination communications device for receiving at least one short message from the
~~short message~~ <u>SMS</u> management facility.

14. (Currently amended) The system, as recited in claim 12, further comprising:
a first communications device for receiving at least one electronic message from the ~~short~~
~~message~~ <u>SMS</u> management facility.

15. (Original) The system, as recited in claim 12, further comprising:
a first store including at least one entry corresponding to the destination communications
device.

16. (Original) The system, as recited in claim 15, wherein the entry includes an association to the first communications device.

17. (Original) The system, as recited in claim 12, wherein the electronic message is based at least in part on a short message and a destination address associated with the short message.

18. (Original) The system, as recited in claim 17, wherein the entry includes information for formatting the electronic message.

19. (Original) The system, as recited in claim 15, wherein at least a portion of the first store resides on a first server.

20. (Currently amended) The system, as recited in claim 15, wherein at least a portion of the ~~short message~~ SMS management facility resides on a short message service center (SMSC).

21. (Currently amended) The system, as recited in claim 15, wherein at least a portion of the ~~short message~~ SMS management facility resides on a first server.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently amended) The ~~computer program product~~ method, as recited in claim [[22]] 5, ~~the computer program product including instructions for~~ further comprising:
formatting the electronic message compatible with the first communications device.

24. (Currently amended) The ~~computer program product executable~~ method, as recited in claim [[22]] 5, ~~the computer program product executable including instructions for~~ further comprising:
removing the ~~short~~ SMS message from a short message queue.

25. (Currently amended) An apparatus for communicating short messages comprising:

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means for forwarding an electronic message to a first communications device, the

forwarding in response to at least an indicator of unsuccessful delivery of a short

message service (SMS) message to a destination communications device;

means for formatting the electronic message as a message having a format compatible

with the first communications device; and

means for enabling the means for forwarding.

26. (Canceled)

27. (New) The apparatus, as recited in claim 25, wherein the first communications
device is incompatible with SMS.